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Here we are, still thriving and sur-

viving at the cusp of this millennium, moving on steadily towards the next. As we conclude the Cinematheque's fourth decade and begin a new century, we at this small-but-beautiful organization need to think about a little bit of growth, especially in our shrinking membership department. Please, all you readers new and old, consider joining now, or renewing or upgrading your Cinematheque membership. We NEED your support, and memberships indicate that we mean something to you, the community as we continue to screen a variety of eclectic and inspirational, non-commercial, non-corporate film and media.

In all other areas, the year was a great one. The NEA reinstated our previous highest grant amount; the California Arts Council gave us its highest rating; and we just received a small equipment grant from Grants for the Arts to upgrade office equipment. Screening successes far and near include: Big As Life, our collaborative project with New York's Museum of Modern Art surveying small gauge filmmaking

in America, now entering its third year; rare visits from major film and video makers, including Ken Jacobs, Anne Robertson, Mark LaPore, Johan van der Keuken, and Sadie Benning: the three-part series presented in conjunction with the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Radical Re-Presentation: Women, Surrealism and Film; Eyes Wide Open, a series of eight programs assembled by local emerging guest curators; and our recent seven-part Consciousness Cinema collaboration with the newly opened CCAC Institute in conjunction with its first major exhibition, Searchlight: Consciousness at the Millennium.

Now, in our first season of the new century, we will have visits from avant-garde pioneer James Benning with 11 x 14, Australian celluloid experimenters Arthur and Corinne Cantrill with a program of recent work, writer and filmmaker Gordon Ball with work from the 60s through the 80s, and Swiss documentarian Richard Dindo who will present three recent feature-length documentaries: Grüninger's Fall, Ernesto Che Guevara, The Bolivian Diary, and Arthur Rimbaud, A

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Recent Cinematheque Publications Hot Off the Presses!

Program Note Booklet 1997 is now available! Read up on all those great Cinematheque shows that you missed and find out about esoteric films, videos and their makers. Each can be ordered from our office for only \$12 each + \$2 postage. Coming in Spring: The 1998 and 1999 Program Note Booklets.

Cinematograph 6: Big As Life: An American History of 8mm Film (\$15) Edited by Albert Kilchesty and co-produced with The Museum of Modern Art to accompany the 50 program exhibition series Big As Life: An American History of 8mm Film. Includes original essays by Jytte Jensen, Steve Anker, Albert Kilchesty, Fred Camper, Peggy Ahwesh, Nina Fonoroff, Kathy Geritz, Ross Lipman, Donna Cameron, Willie Varela, over two dozen filmmaker interviews, 125 filmographies, historical writings, stills and more. We cannot take credit card orders, but will be happy to send you Big As Life for a check of \$15 + \$3 postage.

Consciousness Cinema: An Art of Its Time (\$5) Written by Steve

Anker, Irina Leimbacher and David Sherman. This booklet documents Cinematheque's Fall 1999 series of the same name which presented new and historical works arranged around issues of contemporary consciousness studies. It features an original essay by the curators and program descriptions.

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As we enter the new millennium, our obsession with time and its passing has multiplied and magnified. The works in this program all mark moments of passage - conceived in a psychological, spatio-temporal or spiritual sense - and explore movements of space/time, of the film/video medium, and of the soul. By both emerging and established Bay Area artists, the works in the program include: Ellen Ugelstad and Alfonso Alvarez' animated Flip Film, Anne McGuire's The Telling, Claire Bain's As Long as It Takes, Jeanne C. Finley and John H. Muse's The Adventures of Blacky, Daven Gee's Chemistries, Scott Stark's in.side.out, Luis Recoder's *Möbius Strip*, Steve Polta's *Estuary* #1, and Nathaniel Dorsky's Variations.

Sunday Jan 30 7:30pm * San Francisco Art Institute James Benning's 11x14

James Benning In Person

For over twenty-five years, James Benning has been making films of the American landscape which simultaneously explore issues of representation, meaning, geography, and ideology. A film of great subtlety and precise formal construction, 11 x 14 (1976) fuses the impulses of narrative convention with formal exploration, revealing, through meticulous photography and elegant rhythmic construction, the paradoxical interrelationship between these generally competing strains of cinematic expression. One of the top ten films of the seventies according to J. Hoberman, James Benning's 11 x 14 is "a laconic mosaic of singleshot sequences, each offering some sort of sound/image pun or paradox. At once a cryptonarrative with an abstract, peekaboo storyline and fractured, painterly study of the midwestern landscape, 11 x 14 points toward the creation of a new, nonliterary but populist cinema" (J. Hoberman) Benning's El Valley Centro (1999) will screen at the Pacific Film Archive on Tuesday February 2.

SPECIAL DAY & LOCATION Sat & Sun Feb 5, 6 7:30pm ** Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Small Windows: A Celebration of Regular 8mm films!

Regular 8mm filmmaking has truly been an underground activity since Kodak terminated the production of 8mm film stock in 1993. Recently, however, with the "discovery" of film manufacturers in the Czech Republic and other European countries, revived American availability through John Schwind, and the easy access to high-quality equipment in this format, Regular-8 filmmaking is



8MM PROGRAM 1 Saturday Feb. 5 7:30pm

original 8mm formats.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Films include selected Songs by Stan Brakhage, nothing, but...(Part 1) by Phil Weisman, Untitled #6 by Greg Sharits, Corners by Scott Stark and other curated films by artists; a selection of amazing, anonymous American home-movies from diverse cultural backgrounds and locations made during the 1940s and 50s; and a selection of films submitted to the Festival.

work, and newly discovered vintage films made

decades ago. All films will be shown in their

8MM PROGRAM 2 Sunday Feb 6 7:30pm

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Films include selected Notes by Saul Levine, By 2's and 3's: Women by Marjorie Keller, Walk and Train Ride by Michael Mideke, and other artists' films and found home-movies curated by the Festival Committee.

SPECIAL SERIES Thursdays Feb 10,17 & Sunday Feb 20 **Excavating Space to Redeem** Time: The Films of Richard Dindo

"I try to draw memories into the present, Again and again my films focus on people who are already dead... My films revolve around absence. That is

my subject" - Richard Dindo The Cinematheque, in conjunction with Pro Helvetia, the Arts Council of Switzerland, presents three recent films by Richard Dindo, Switzerland's best known documentary filmmaker. Using testimony, written or spoken, as his point of departure, his camera insistently investigates and fixes the actual spaces of events, seeking invisible scars to reveal and redeem a past now buried in the wake of time's passage. Dindo has said that his films often focus on "politically committed people and rebels who have experienced repeated defeats. Grieving is an integral part of remembering." The films selected here focus on extremely different figures, each of whom lost a battle waged against an unjust or repressive society. Dindo will be present at the screenings on Thursday Feb 17 and Sunday Feb 20. (Irina Leimbacher)

DINDO PROGRAM 1 Thursday Feb 10 7:30pm Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Grüninger's Fall (1997)

Co-Presented with the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival

As Police Chief of the Swiss city of St. Gallen, Paul Grüninger saved the lives of several hundred Austrian Jews in 1938-39 after Switzerland had officially closed its borders. Set in the very courtroom where, in 1940, Grüninger was tried and condemned for his "illegal" actions, the film interweaves the testimonies of policemen, border guards and former refugees, who came from various parts of Europe, the United States and Latin America to participate in the film. An indictment of Swiss policies during the war, the film is a moving homage to the former Police Chief who died a broken man in 1972 for having placed his convictions above his official duties as representative of the State.

Sunday Feb 13 7:30pm San Francisco Art Institute Maestro of Poverty Row: Two by

Edgar G. Ulmer

"Nobody ever made good films faster or for less money than Edgar G. Ulmer. . . That Ulmer could communicate a strong visual style and personality with the meager means so often available to him is close to miraculous." (Peter Bogdanovich) "I really am looking for absolution for all the things I had to do for money's sake." (E.G.U.) For the first time in a decade, we pay tribute to low-budget cross-genre king, Edgar G. Ulmer. Whether working on Yiddish musicals (Green Fields), horror star-vehicles (The Black Cat) or

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Diary (1994)

Richard Dindo In Person

Ernesto Che Guevara: The Bolivian

Taking Che Guevara's diary during his Bolivian

campaign (1966-67) as his starting point, Dindo

places his camera in the very spaces where Che

travelled, fought and ultimately died. Juxtaposing

the mute and virtually empty landscapes with

the moving and sometimes bitter testimony of

the diary (read in voice over by the late Robert

Kramer), Dindo also intercuts bits of recently

discovered archival footage and interviews with

colleagues and Bolivian villagers. The film is both

homage to Che Guevara's tenacity and a demysti-

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Richard Dindo Che Guevara: The Bolivian Diary

Jay Rosenblatt King of the Jews (Feb 24)

Lawrence Jordan Sophie's Place (Mar 23)

Arthur and Corinne Cantrill City of Chromatic

become a legend for an entire generation.

Reception will follow screening.

Martha Colburn What's On (Mar 5)

Lee Flynn Lafanmi Selavi (Mar 9)

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DINDO PROGRAM 3 SPECIAL LOCATION Sunday Feb 20 7:30pm ** Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Arthur Rimbaud, A Biography (1991)

Richard Dindo In Person Rimbaud is unique in Dindo's oeuvre, for here he incorporates actors as his witnesses to the life and death of the great poet. We see and hear his mother and sister, his school mentor, the poet and lover Verlaine, an employer in Aden and a Swiss business associate speak of their relationships with Rimbaud in the very places where they shared his life (his home in Charleville, Paris, London, Marseille, Aden, Harare). Rimbaud himself is present only through the wound of his absence, made visible through the images of the places he inhabited, the voices of those who knew him, and excerpts from his poems and letters.

Thursday Feb 24 7:30pm 🜟 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts **Disquieting Epiphanies:**

Jay Rosenblatt's King of the Jews + Erin Sax's Jerusalem Syndrome Jay Rosenblatt and Erin Sax In Person

Bay Area Premieres! King of the Jews, Jay Rosenblatt's newest work, is a lyrical, provocative and deeply personal film which examines both Rosenblatt's uneasy relationship to Christ as a Jewish child growing up in Brooklyn – a relationship based on terror and mistrust - and the roots of Christian anti-Semitism. Using home-movies, found footage, and excerpts from films depicting the life of Christ, it explores inter-religious misunderstanding and hatred as well as their transcendence. Erin Sax returns to the Cinematheque to show Jerusalem Syndrome, a complex portrayal of this holy city and the extreme expressions of religiosity and mystical experience to which it sometimes gives rise. Each year numerous visitors have spiritual experiences resulting in personality changes and convictions that they are, or are in direct contact with, God. The film examines this phenomenon labeled the Jerusalem Syndrome by the Israeli psychiatric community from the perspective of those in the midst of its 'spell' and in the context of the city's long history of mystical accounts.

Sunday Feb 27 7:30pm * San Francisco Art Institute A Memorial to Rudy Burckhardt

Curated and Presented by Bill Berkson and Nathaniel Dorsky

Tonight's rescheduled program now includes two beautiful, previously unavailable rare prints of Eastside Summer (1959), Millions in Business as Usual (1961), the premiere of Burckhardt's last film completed shortly before his death, On Aesthetics, and a slide/music show of his photographs, paintings and favorite music. "The great filmmaker, photographer and painter Rudy Burckhardt died

on August 1 in Maine at 85 years of age. Born in

Basel, Switzerland, he came to New York in 1935

and made it his home as well as the hero of most

of his works. Burckhardt filmed what he likes and

lets you see it that way, too. The power is formal

films are as much edited as shot. Sensations of

the obvious or commonplace are lifted sky high.

he keeps as light as it is in fact,' Burckhardt

shows what's livable and true in everyday life."

on Mulberry Street (with Joseph Cornell, 1956),

(with Yvonne Jacquette, 1991).

Thursday March 2 7:30pm 🔆

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(Bill Berkson) Also included: What Mozart Saw

Caterpillar (1973), Julie (1980), and Night Fantasies

Articulated Images: Recent Films

Australian filmmaking team Arthur and Corinne

Cantrill return to our shores for the first time in

five years to present a selection of their recent

work. The Cantrills have been making films for

over thirty-five years and for the last thirty have

journal of international experimental film and

published Cantrills Filmnotes, Australia's premiere

video. Tonight's program features North American

which combine rigorous formal investigation with

sensual appreciation of the world and of film. The

program includes examples of rotoscoped works

(Myself at Fourteen, made with their son); recent

small format nature studies (Illuminations of the

Mundane) and a quartet of lush three-color sepa-

Dissolution and Garden of Chromatic Disturbance),

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Sunday March 5 7:30pm San Francisco Art Institute Word to Image: Cinema Inspired

by Poems

Curated and Presented by Konrad Steiner Tonight's is the first in a series of programs presenting films inspired by and addressing poetry. "These works were chosen to exemplify various techniques of marrying two arts: Cinema and Poetry. Poetry, the art of utterance, and cinema, the art of showing, don't easily make a good couple. But these artists have taken up the challenge by responding to the spirit and the letter of the poet, creating original cinematic writing. Cinema and language meet head on, not unified as in conventional film, but remaining distinct and dancing, stepping on toes, wooing each other with the charms of mouth and eye and mind." (KS) Works include: Songs of Degrees: With a Valentine and As to How Much by Peter Herwitz; Under a Broad Gray Sky by Thad Povey; Waterworx by Rick Hancox; Video Haikai by Marcus Nascimento;

Thursday March 9 7:30pm * Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Seeing Haiti Through Lafanmi Selavi

What Happened to Kerouac (excerpt) by Nathaniel

Dorsky; Abigail Child's Prefaces; Henry Hills' Kino

Dal; Martha Colburn's What's On?; Jim Flannery's

Photoheliograph; and Stan Brakhage's First Hymn

to the Night: Novalis.

Lee Flynn and Caitlin Manning In Person Producer/Director Lee Flynn and Co-Director/ Cinematographer Caitlin Manning present the premiere of their new documentary shot in Haiti in 1998 and 1999. Lafanmi Selavi (The Family is Life) is a center for street children started by former President Aristide in the capital, Port-au-Prince. As five children tell of their lives on the streets, a narrative emerges of their personal voyages from the streets to the center where they have found shelter and often new hope. Using interviews and footage shot in Port-au-Prince,

Aristide's home and in rural areas, the children, their teachers and Aristide tell a moving story of the complexities of living in a country deeply affected by colonization, military rule, and global economy. This beautifully filmed documentary shows Haiti and its people living in a culture of resistance and hope – a perspective rarely

Sunday March 12 7:30pm 🔆 San Francisco Art Institute From Cine-Povera to Cine-Spolverare Sound Film Propositions

explored by the media.

Luis A. Recoder and Bruce McClure In Person In the in between of the instants that constitute the movies, Recoder and McClure have chosen to demonstrate that the experience of both the optical and audio surface of the sound film stubbornly

defies the project of limits. The shutter blankets the room in darkness, but vision persists; the ear,

meanwhile, is served an uninterrupted stream

of energy. The evening's program is presented

McClure's "Cine-Spolverare," suggests the reprise

but not totally jejune. Like a taffy pull, they seek to

transform the material from a "somewhat sticky,

of, or return to, themes of the recent past, dusty,

as a series of "propositions," a form adopted

by Recoder for his screening, "Cine-Povera."

side-whiskered affair to a glistening crystal

ribbon" composed of stripes of different colors.

Density; and Bruce McClure (by Recoder) and

Superincumbent #1; Homunculus; and Luis A.

Elliptical Tales: Recent Work by

Stephanie Barber and Naomi Uman In Person

Tonight the Cinematheque brings together two

Diego-based Naomi Uman. Barber, whose work

Milwaukee-based Stephanie Barber and San

we featured on our last two calendars, uses

provocative and prolific young women filmmakers,

manipulated found footage and sounds, animation

and hand-processing, to make delicate puzzle-like

films which intrigue and delight, pieces which,

"like music, function as emotional landscapes,

implied occurrences or scantily clad stories" (SB)

We will screen eight of her films, including angus

mustang, woman stabbed to death, they invented

Uman, whose lovely hand-processed personal doc

awards recently, will present removed, a manipu-

lated porn film with the female figures bleached

into shadowy semi-existence, as well as some

brand new work, and leche.

machines, metronome, pornfilm and shipfilm.

on a rural Mexican family *leche* won several

Stephanie Barber and Naomi Uman

Thursday March 16 7:30pm 🛠

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Recoder (by McClure).

Recoder and McClure propose a series of sound

film documents including: Silver Recovery; Variable

SPECIAL SERIES Sundays Mar 19, 26 Tuesday Mar 21 Thursday Mar 23

Lawrence Jordan - A Mosaic of **Personal Selections**

Co-presented with the San Francisco Art Institute and Film Arts Foundation Lawrence Jordan In Person at all shows

"Larry Jordan's animated films are among the most beautiful short films made today...His content is subtle, his technique is perfect, his personal style unmistakable." (Jonas Mekas)

Lawrence Jordan retired from the Faculty of the San Francisco Art Institute last May after thirty years of distinguished teaching. Jordan inspired literally hundreds of aspiring filmmakers and has been a pivotal figure in the blossoming of Bay Area personal or avant-garde cinema since relocating here in 1955. The SF Cinematheque and Pacific Film Archive celebrate the life work of this unique artist with four programs drawn from his body of 40 films selected by himself, his long-time colleague George Kuchar, and curator Steve Anker "A dream of buzzing spheres that resonate in a universe of colliding time zones...The Disney Dimension is many light years away from the Dark Matter illuminated by the Metaphysical Magician of Petaluma." (George Kuchar)

JORDAN PROGRAM 1 Sunday March 19 7:30pm 🌟 San Francisco Art Institute

George Kuchar selects two live-action dramatic films: The Old House, Passing (1967, 45 min.) and The Apparition (1976, 50 min.)

"My own favorite of Jordan's films is The Old House, Passing. It is, says Jordan, a 'ghost-film' in which 'mood predominates over plot'; in fact it may be the best ghost film ever made." (Fred Camper)

SPECIAL DAY & LOCATION JORDAN PROGRAM 2

Tuesday March 21 7:30pm 🔆 Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley

Lawrence Jordan selects: Short animated films, 1964-1991: Duo Concertantes (1964), Our Lady of the Sphere (1969), Orb (1973), Once Upon A Time (1974), Masquerade (1981) and The Visible Compendium (1991).

JORDAN PROGRAM 3 Thursday March 23 7:30pm 🔆 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Steve Anker selects: Sophie's Place (1986, 90 min.), "A culmination of five years' work. Full hand-painted cut-out animation. Totally unplanned, unrehearsed development of scenes under the camera, yet with more "continuity" than any of my previous animations, while meditating on some phase of my life. I call it an "alchemical autobiography." (LJ) Also: Visions of a City (1957/78, 8 min.).

SPECIAL DAY Saturday April 1 7:30pm 🛠 San Francisco Art Institute

Goshogaoka by Sharon Lockhart

Co-Presented with the San Francisco Art Institute

Sharon Lockhart In Person Los Angeles-based Sharon Lockhart's still photographs have been exhibited throughout the world and a selection of these, along with her film Goshogaoka, are included in this year's Whitney Biennial. In conjunction with her photographic installation at the Walter and McBean Galleries (on view March 17-April 15), SF Cinematheque will co-present the Bay Area premiere of Goshogaoka, a rigorous celebration both of cinema and the un-choreographed chance rhythms of a Japanese women's basketball team: "Goshogaoka deals with truth, beauty (consider the framing and the image), and the idea that a collection of individuals behaving synchronously creates something more, a new entity - the group," (Laurence Kardish, Curator, The Museum of Modern Art, for Sundance Film Festival Catalogue) Lockhart's earlier Khalil,

⇒ SPECIAL ADDED TIME & LOCATION Sunday April 2 4:00pm & 7:30pm ** City Lights Bookstore (4:00 Free) San Francisco Art Institute (7:30 Reg Admission) Gordon Ball's '66 Frames: Life in the Sixties Underground

Shaun: A Woman Under the Influence showed at

the Cinematheque in March 1998.

Co-Presented with City Lights Bookstore Gordon Ball In Person

"'66 Frames is a beautifully written book which captures the spirit of those times better than any other book I know." (Stan Brakhage) Gordon Ball's recently published memoirs '66 Frames is an insider's chronicle of life in the communal, psychedelic Sixties, focusing especially on Ball's close friendships with Jonas Mekas, Allen Ginsburg, Andy Warhol and other key players in New York's exploding Underground Art scene. Ball's own filmmaking began in 1966 when he was given a Regular-8mm movie camera by Jonas Mekas when the filmmaker/critic was on a college visit. Tonight Ball will make a two-part presentation: 4:00pm, at City Lights, he will read from '66 Frames and show slides of his diaristic photographs; and 7:30pm, at the SFAI - for his first SF Cinematheque apppearance since May 1982 he will also read and show several films, including Georgia (1966), Mexican Jail Footage (1980), Millbrook (1985) and others. "I can't forget this film." (Robert Frank on Mexican Jail Footage)

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Mary Amsler

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Brenda Hutchinson

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JORDAN PROGRAM 4 Sunday March 26 7:30pm ** San Francisco Art Institute

Lawrence Jordan selects: The H.D. Trilogy Film (1990–93), including The Black Oud, The Grove and Star of Day: "...a wonderful, rich film that combines the filmmaker's images of the woman he loves with Hilda Doolittle's long poem Hermetic Definition (1960)... The combination of images, Joanna McClure's reading of the poem, and the traditional music of the Mediterranean result in a captivating film experience." (Karl Cohen)

Thursday March 30 7:30pm Yerba Buena Center for the Arts **Dyed Light: New by Stan Brakhage**

Stan Brakhage's newest short films include some of his finest hand-colored work made to date. With remarkable range, control and nuance of expression, Brakhage continues to deepen his ability to create meaningful lightplays of rhythm and texture awash with cinematic color without the use of recorded imagery. Tonight's program, drawn from a large group of recent releases includes The Earthsong of the Cricket, Cricket Requiem, The Birds of Paradise, The Dark Tower, The Lion and the Zebra Make God's Raw Jewels, The Persian Series 1, 2 & 6, Coupling, (...) Reel 5 (music by James Tenney), and two photographed films, Moilsome Toilsome and Worm and Web Love. (Steve Anker)

Locations >>

San Francisco Art Institute 800 Chestnut Street

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts 701 Mission Street @ Third

Admission >>

Unless otherwise noted, all shows begin at 7:30pm.

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